

REMARKS:

- 1) In accordance with the PCT procedures, the original specification of this application was a direct literal translation of the foreign language text of the corresponding PCT International application. The specification has now been amended in an editorial and formal manner to better comply with US application format requirements. For example, section headings have been added, and direct reference to claim numbers in the specification has been avoided. The abstract has been revised to have proper US form and content. These merely editorial amendments do not introduce any new matter. Entry thereof is respectfully requested.
- 2) Further according to the PCT procedures, the original claims of this application were a direct literal translation of the foreign language claims of the corresponding PCT International application. The claims have now been editorially and formally amended to better comply with typical US claiming practices. These editorial amendments are not submitted for reasons of patentability and do not narrow the scope of the claims, but rather merely avoid some informalities of a direct translation. Also, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of prior claim 2 while omitting the recitation that the guide pins extend approximately perpendicularly to the housing, as will be discussed below. Claims 2, 24 and 25 have been canceled. All of the original claims have been amended to be clearly directed to a turbomachine, rather than more specifically a turbo-engine

or a gas turbine. Dependent claims have been amended for proper conformance with the amended independent claim. New claims 29 to 34 have been added. Claims 29, 30 and 31 recite respective optional features that have been removed from claim 1. Independent claim 32 is based on a combination of prior claims 1 and 26. Claims 33 and 34 are based on prior claims 27 and 28 depending from claim 32. Therefore, the claim amendments do not introduce any new matter. Entry and consideration thereof are respectfully requested.

- 3) Referring to item 10) of the Office Action Summary, and the section bridging pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, the objection to the drawings has been obviated by the cancellation of claims 24 and 25. Therefore, the drawings do not need to show the features previously recited in these canceled claims 24 and 25. Thus, please withdraw the objection to the drawings, and indicate acceptance of the drawings in the next official communication.
- 4) Referring to the middle of page 3 of the Office Action, the objection to the disclosure has been addressed in the present amendment of the specification. The amended specification now avoids direct reference to claim numbers, and otherwise conforms to US application requirements. Therefore, please withdraw the objection to the disclosure.
- 5) Referring to the section bridging pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action, the rejection of claims 1, 2 and 16 to 28 under 35 USC

112(2) as being indefinite has been addressed in the present amendment. Claim 1 has been amended to be clearly directed to a turbomachine. New dependent claims 29 and 30 respectively further recite that the turbomachine is a turbo-engine or a gas turbine. Therefore, the currently amended claims are definite and particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Please withdraw the indefiniteness rejection under 35 USC 112(2).

- 6) Referring to the section bridging pages 6 and 7 of the Office Action, the indication of allowable subject matter in prior claims 2 and 26 to 28 is appreciated. The claims have been amended to incorporate the indicated allowable subject matter in each of the remaining claims, as follows.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the additional subject matter of prior claim 2. Amended claim 1 now recites that the guide pins extend at a slant to a radial direction and to an axial direction of the turbomachine, from prior allowable claim 2. The feature that the guide pins extend approximately perpendicularly to the housing has not been included in amended claim 1, because that feature had already been recited in original claim 1 and was not regarded as contributing to the patentability. Namely, original claim 1 having that feature was rejected as anticipated by each of two prior art references. Thus, the feature of the guide pins extending approximately perpendicularly to the housing is regarded as unnecessary to define the patentable distinction of the invention over the prior art. Rather, the patentability of

prior claim 2 and currently amended claim 1 is based especially on the feature that the guide pins extend at a slant to a radial direction and to an axial direction of the turbomachine, further in combination with the other features of claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 and its dependent claims 16 to 23 and 26 to 31 should now be allowable.

New independent claim 32 is based on a combination of prior claims 1 and 26. Thus, in view of the indicated allowability of prior claim 26, new independent claim 32 on the same basis should now be allowable. Claims 33 and 34 are based on prior claims 27 and 28 and depend from claim 32. Therefore, claims 27 and 28 should also be allowable.

Referring to the statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter, the Examiner has stated, regarding prior claims 2 and 26, that such a configuration or such a mounting device "is not known in the prior art". It should further be clear that such a configuration and such a mounting device also would not have been obvious in view of the prior art. In other words, the claims are not only novel but also non-obvious.

For the above reasons, all present claims should now be allowable.

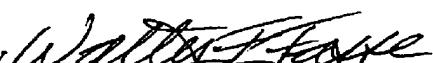
- 7) Referring to pages 5 and 6 of the Office Action, the rejections of claims 1 and 16 to 25 as anticipated by US Patent 3,841,787 (Scalzo) and/or US Patent 3,365,173 (Lynch et al.) have been obviated by the present amendments. Namely, present independent claims 1 and 32 respectively incorporate allowable subject matter

from prior non-rejected claims 2 and 26. Therefore, these prior art rejections cannot apply against any of the claims after the current amendment. Please withdraw the rejections.

- 8) Referring to the middle of page 7 of the Office Action, the additional prior art made of record requires no particular comments because it has not been applied against the claims.
- 9) Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, including all present claims 1, 16 to 23 and 26 to 34, are respectfully requested.

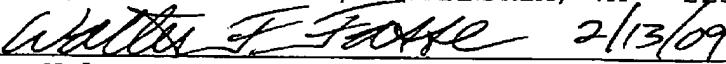
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